

## **Western Library System Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday November 10, 2015**

### **Railway Office Plaza**

President Maryruth Reed called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Quorum check.

Addition to agenda: approve Plan of Service; discussion about excess funds; correspondence.

Board members present: Sara Brennemann, Maryruth Reed, Kathy Terrell, Roberta Boyd, Jill Hurtt, Ruth Walker, and Carole Matthews. Also present were WLS coordinator Eric Green, Pat Gross, Terry Christensen, and Jeri Clapper. Absent: Allison Roberts, Michele Parks, and Stephanie Mika.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **District Reports:**

- Ruth reported that she has a new smart TV due to the PET in Mitchell, and they are also working on digital citizenship.
- Maryruth reported on a concert, held at the Mitchell Public Library, of a world traveling musician. Had a wonderful experience. Two weeks later another woman called, who writes grants for another musician. Maryruth is hopeful, that working with the school, they may get another musician to attend Mitchell.
- Carole is holding a Family Hour of Code in connection with the computer science week in December.
- The Grant County Library held their annual bake sale for the Library Foundation. The bake sale was well received.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Public Relations:** Tim Smith was very well received with: 3 Public Libraries, 12 Public Schools, and presented to 2,376 adults and children. Very positive feedback from all involved.

- **Scholarship:** Both applicants received their scholarship money.
- **Technology:** Office copier is getting old. Eric contacted Connecting Point, and passed around a booklet of some options. Maryruth asked to present prices and options for January meeting. Some business suggestions were Staples, Connecting point, Broadway Office, and Western Plains.
- **Committee:** Maryruth, as President, overlooks every committee, and would like to be taken off of the P.R.

Michelle was appointed to take Maryruth's place on Public Relations committee.

o **WLS Coordinator Report:** Eric's report was presented in writing.

- Benkelman hired new Director and they will be moving into a new building as well.
- Discussed consultations: Database Road Show by NLC had good reviews, Weeding workshop held at Alliance. Work on preparation and presentation were discussed.
- Makerspace discussed.
- Pat attended the Nebraska Innovation Campus: tour was fascinating. She

observed the textiles, 3-d printers, looms, greenhouse and more.

- Pat reported on new adult fiction.
- Roberta enjoyed the Legacy of the Plains Emergency Preparedness and Recovery workshop.
- Broadwater PL , Oshkosh PL, and WNC looking for library directors.
- o **NLC Report:** Richard Miller sent report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **o Budget/Financial Documents:**

- Discussion of excess funds, from reconfiguration. Ideas for excess funds needed for next meeting in January. Eric is going to check with NLC to see how much carry over we can have and other possibilities.
- Funds left over from grant for the author tour discussed.
- Concerns over coordinator travel were discussed: Prioritization of conferences, more contact with libraries, information on digital citizenship, job-alike, and support for workshops for public and school libraries.
- Read scholarship recipient Deb Carlson's thank you. Eric will post the thank you in the newsletter.

##### **o Board vote for one WLS check signer:**

- Discussion held on suggestions by Gary Riggs.
- Board decided to leave as is.

##### **o Plan of Service**

- Kathy moved to approve Plan of Service from 2015-2017 with the changes. Seconded by Ruth. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held about WLS collection.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **o Board committee responsibilities**

- Executive board and Eric to meet and discuss responsibilities of board and Director.
- List of corrections and updates discussed about the website.

##### **o Board Packet**

- Ruth moved to have a board packet sent out by USPS at least a week and a half ahead of meeting date. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Events/ Announcements:** A list of upcoming events was included in Eric's report.

**Adjournment: 11:35 AM**

The next WLS meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lied Scottsbluff Public

Library in the activities room. This is a closed meeting

Sara Brennemann

Secretary